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Art Unit: 1771

Applicant : Naohito TAKEUCHI et al.

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Title : WATER-DECOMPOSABLE FIBROUS SHEET CONTAINING GEL
COMPOUND

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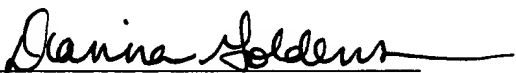
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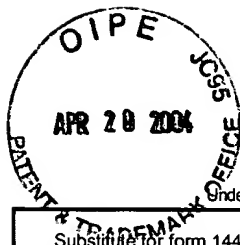
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